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Carl Sjolín celebrated his 100th Birthday December 9th. Here he is pictured in his present glory and as he looked in 1907 (bottom inset) and in 1905 (top inset).

by David Butterfield

ELECTION NOTES

by R.J. Dutra

Dec. 5 District 9

A week before the Runoff Elections; candidates and campaign workers are hard at work trying to urge more voters out of their homes and into the polling places.

Over one-half of Bernal's voters stayed home November 6th. Candidates blamed the rainy weather, but voters cited disinterest, confusion and protest.

Bernal's increasingly low voter turn-outs in the last few elections decreases the neighborhood's political clout, but also serves as a warning to City Hall of growing public disenchantment with the downtown bureaucracies.

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BERNAL HEIGHTS CENTENARIAN

CARL SJOLIN 100 YEARS OLD!

Bernal Resident for 65 years.

by Ann Kyle Nolan

(ed. note: Sedalia Brown has been a neighbor of the Sjolín family for 35 years. Many times she has watched Mr. Sjolín walk from his home on Cortland Ave. to his daughter Signe Tikkanen's house on Andover St. The Journal thanks Sedalia for the tip about his 100th Birthday.)

When Carl Sjolín first landed in America upon the shores of Galveston, Texas, he found the country hot, muggy and sultry. He'd left his native Sweden, motivated by a strong desire for adventure and a great dislike for farming. It was June 11, 1902 and he was 22 years old, too young and too far traveled to content himself in Galveston Bay.

When a friend told him tales of California, a state which boasted 20 Swedish newspapers and a thriving Swedish colony in a town called Turlock, it sounded "pretty good" to him.

San Francisco, at that time, was still reeling from one of the most bitter labor disputes of its history: the longshoremen, warehousemen, shipbuilders and sailors strike of 1901 which had brought the harbor to a complete standstill.

That summer of '02, the port was full of squareriggers and schooners, whalers and steamboats, all struggling to recover the prosperity they had known during the recent Spanish American War.

Downtown, the corrupt administration of Mayor Eugene Schmitz, fetid with bribery and backroom deals, was firmly ensconced in City Hall. Atop Bernal Hill, goats grazed on the last remaining spring-greened grass, oblivious to it all.

As a newcomer, Carl Sjolín thought California "the greatest place on earth" (an opinion he still holds now that he is one of the oldest old-timers). He found a home on Ash Avenue, a simple, one-storied, wood house. Simple, but he was to discover in 1906, mighty. When the great Earthquake and Fire hit "all those others, the two-storied places, they fell, but my house held up pretty good." He only had to move to Golden Gate Park till the fire ended, then he moved right back in.

When he joined a Swedish church in Berkeley, he met Ellen Swenson, also from Sweden. They fell in love and married in 1914, setting up housekeeping on Bernal Heights at 155 Banks Street. Here their two children were born, a son Hilmer and a daughter Signe.

In 1918 he became a citizen. He also became a Republican. There weren't many Republicans on Bernal Heights in those days but "Wilson was a Democrat!" (That would be Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States.) "Wilson double-crossed the people. Other than that there's no difference between Democrat and Republican." It all depends on which side Wilson's on.

In 1926 the Sjolín family moved to Cortland Avenue, to a house behind the barber shop.

While their children attended Bernal Elementary and Paul Revere schools, Carl worked as a custodian at the Crocker Bank Building downtown and Ellen listened to the rattle of the No. 9 streetcar as it lumbered up and over the hill to Folsom Street, shaking all the houses along the way. At Folsom the line ended and so did the pavement—from there down to Bayshore it was all dirt roads.

Carl still lives in the house on Cortland. His daughter remained in Bernal Heights as well, having sent her two sons off to Paul Revere much as her mother sent her.

One hundred years have passed since Carl Sjolín was born on December 9, 1879. He is still a fine and handsome man and if reaching a hundred wasn't such a notable achievement, one would quickly say he doesn't look his age.

When asked the inevitable questions about his secret to long life, he answers, "No drinking, no smoking and no carousing! Unless you're like Churchill—Churchill always smoked cigars."

Friends and family honored him at two birthday parties over the weekend. To see him, surrounded by loving family and friends, it is clear that Carl Sjolín's first hundred years have been pretty good indeed.

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The Bernal Journal is an open forum of the community sponsored by the Bernal Fund. It is dedicated to providing the people of Bernal Heights with neighborhood news, ideas, issues, and events. Articles with by-lines express the views of the individual and not necessarily those of the Journal or its editors.

The next meeting of the Bernal Journal is Wednesday, January 16, 8 p.m. at 196 Bocana Street. Anybody with an idea or interest is invited. Deadline for ads, classifieds, announcements and articles is January 25th.

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EDITORIAL

In the last issue of the *Bernal Journal* we announced that we were looking for two new editors. We are delighted with the number of responses we received.

Of the eight who called, three people were especially qualified and interested. They are: Teri Jackson of Moultrie Street, who brings with her a good background in graphics and photography; Barbara Bagot of Winfield Street, a community activist who has worked specifically in communications and publicity; and Maureen Hennessy of Bessie Street, whose extensive experience in journalism recommends her for the job.

All three possess the enthusiasm and commitment needed for the job. Together we are putting out this issue of the *Journal* and at the January business meeting, we will decide on the editorship.

The *Bernal Journal* is lucky to have such fine people.

Those of you who still read other newspapers besides the *BJ*, may have noticed that Herb Caen quoted our own R.J. Dutra in his column a few weeks back. Describing our community reporter's style as "bucolic prose" and printing almost the entire article, has made the air above Holladay Avenue slightly heady. We commend Mr. Dutra for his fine work.

Recognition is due Mr. Dutra as well for his fine editorial support during this *Bernal Journal* transition time. Thanks R.J.!

A distribution coordinator is still needed for the paper every two months. Join the great staff of the *BJ* and meet your neighbors at the same time. Call 824-2398 for information.

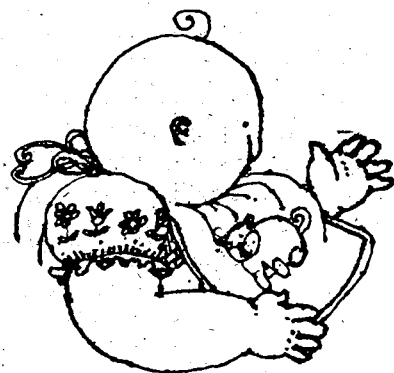
BABY BORN

Early in the pale blue morning of November 8, Bernal residents in the neighborhood of Bonview and Eugenia were just stirring in their beds and mustering up their first yawn of the day when the quiet fall air suddenly split in a primal, lusty yell of "It's a Girl! Yahoo!"

Windows everywhere opened. Pajama-clad and tassel-haired neighbors popped their heads out. "Yahoo! Yahoo!"

The girl was Kate Noll-Mackenzie, spanking new 8 lb. 3 oz. daughter of Angus Mackenzie and Pat Noll.

Without question, the *Bernal Journal* gives to Angus its **TOP HONOR AWARD** for the most enthusiastic, immediate and euphoric birth announcement of the 1970s.



Neighborhood Notification

by R.J. Dutra

Rai Okamoto, Director of City Planning, has offered to establish an experimental procedure for early notification of new construction on Bernal Heights.

"Neighborhood notification is designed to improve the information sharing process between neighborhood groups, City Planning and private development," Okamoto said in a letter to Bernal organizations, which have been campaigning for a notification system for years.

The City's weekly log of new building permit applications would be mailed to Bernal's community centers. When a local permit comes up, a notification flyer will be prepared and distributed.

Bernal was declared a special planning area over ten years ago. The hill has produced three innovative and exemplary improvement plans in the same decade. Construction on any of its vacant lots is subject to Planning Commission review.

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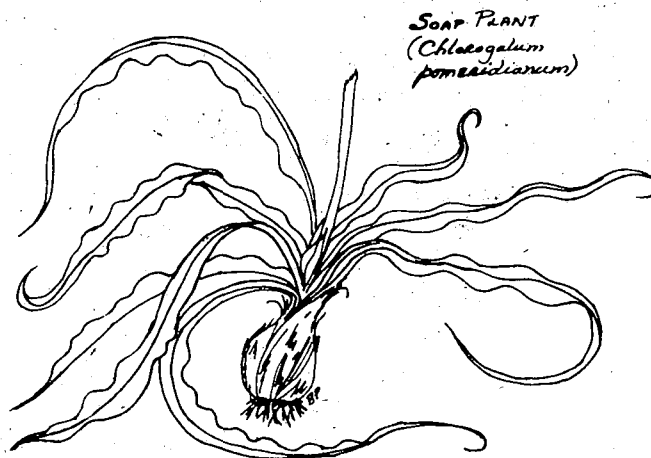
by Barbara M. Pitschel

The period of new growth that follows the first rains and precedes the emergence of the first spring wildflowers is an especially wonderful (read wonder-filled) time to walk on our hill. The air is clear and fresh-smelling. This is the brief season of ferns (12/76 *Bernal Journal*) and mushrooms. The first rains bring wintering meadowlarks (11-12/75 *Bernal Journal*). If, as you walk on the hill, you flush flocks of brown birds on the ground, these are Western Meadowlarks. The easiest way to recognize them at this time of year is by their white outer tail feathers. Their behavior is very different now from that of the springtime songbirds we know meadowlarks to be.

The plant I will describe this month is easy to spot, even though it is not in flower. It is a member of the Lily Family called Soap Plant or Amole (*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*). Like all LILIACEAE, its leaves are long and linear (6 in. to 12 or more in. long, only 1/2 in. to 1 in. wide), and parallel-veined (like grasses). The basal leaves radiate in a cluster on the ground. The most distinguishing characteristic, and the one by which you will immediately recognize the plant, is the extremely wavy leaf-margins or edges. The leaves are greyish-green with lighter-colored mid-veins and tips of purplish-brown. They are stiff, but not at all fleshy.

Although the leaves appear right after the first rains, there will be no flowers until May or June. (In past years, the flowering season has been curtailed by the "controlled" burning of the hilltop. If permitted to "do its own thing," Soap Plant will continue to bloom throughout the summer, which means that it is with us, in some form, for most of the year.)

The flowers, when they finally do appear, are not the majestic blossoms one would expect from such a striking plant. They are small (about 1 in. in diameter) and white (almost translucent), and are sparsely scattered along slender spreading stems which branch off a leafless stalk. The tiny flowers have six narrow petals with purple mid-veins. They do not open until late in the day.



Soap Plant, which is found on dry open hill-sides and plains below 5000 ft. elevations from southern California to southern Oregon, has had a varied history. It derives its common name from the fact that California Indians, as well as Spanish and American settlers, used the non-alkaline bulb, which contains saponin, for soap, shampoo, and poultices. The Indians ate young shoots and roasted bulbs. Root fibers were used as brushes (and, by settlers during the Gold Rush, as mattress stuffing). Old root leaves served to wrap baking acorn bread; bulb juice was used as glue, and leaf juice for tattooing. Large quantities of raw bulbs, thrown into streams and pools, contained sufficient toxin to stupefy fish. Unfortunately, the process was not selective, and tended to kill all other creatures as well (except, for some reason, frogs). (This fishing technique is now illegal in the United States.)

I should point out that I have described historical uses because they are interesting; I do not advocate the harvesting and use of native wild plants today. Such systems worked when there was more land than people. Now, despite the fact that Soap Plant is relatively abundant on our little hill, most of its original habitat is paved over or converted to agricultural use.

You should have little difficulty finding this plant on the hill if you look for the wavy leaves. It is quite prevalent especially on the north and west slopes. Enjoy your search, and enjoy the many other plants and animals you will discover along the way.

1980 ORAL HISTORY CALENDAR

The 1980 Oral History of San Francisco Neighborhoods Calendar is now available.

A unique project of the San Francisco Studies Center, this calendar chronicles some of the major events of community life, past and present.

For instance in Bernal: On November 2, 1834 Jose Bernal applied for a land grant; Rancho Rinco de las Salinas y Portrero Viejo. On March 27, 1978, according to the calendar, The Bernal Block Club approved the Elsie Street Plan.

These calendars are for sale and can be purchased from the Community Center at 307 Cortland Street or from the San Francisco Studies Center at 1095 Market Street.

At \$5 it makes a good Christmas present for neighborhood history lovers.

Attention: Job Hunters

A recent study by the Department of City Planning indicates that one can earn up to \$25,000 a year driving a passenger van (jitney) in San Francisco. For additional information, call 282-5839, the Community Center.

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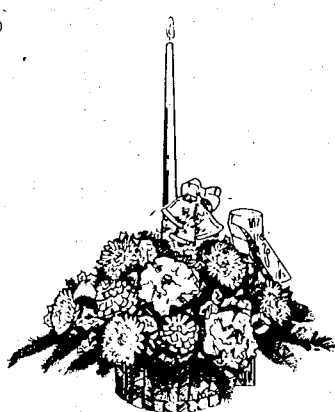
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Before the world of bionics and plastics, there were fine hand-made crafts; dolls and puppets, cradles and clothes, blown glass and porcelain and all kinds of art. They still exist in the City, in a small store on the corner of Sanchez and 25th Street. Come and experience another era. We're open Tuesday thru Saturday 11-6 and Sunday 12-5.

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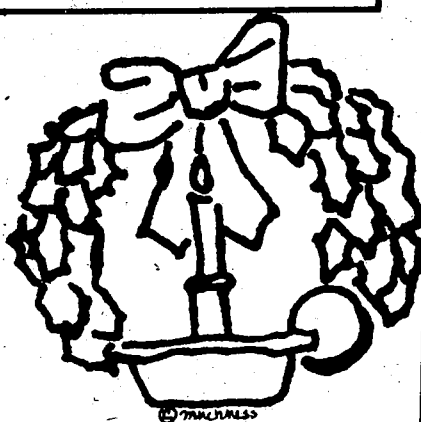
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BERNAL HEIGHTS

BHCF notes...

from Jeanne Hamer & Barbara Bagot
Bernal Heights Community Foundation

I Ain't Got No Home In This World Anymore

—The Temporary Community Center's lease runs out this Jan. 1. "307 Cortland" has housed Brothers and Sisters United, the BHCF, and many other community groups for several years. The new CC won't be ready till spring or summer, so the building's owner, Donna Roberts of Brown Bear Realty, has been asked to extend the lease for a bit longer.

Community Center Committee will be aided by Catholic Social Services staff member Cheryl Walker, at no charge to the BHCF. Special thanks to CSS Board member and Bernal resident Michael Nolan, and CSS staff director Will Lightborn. The CC Committee continues its work after the Holiday Party and tour, with blood, sweat and tears from Co-Chair Myrtle Walker and persevering Committee members Paul Rosensteil, Audrey O'Gilvie, Joan Kelley, Sedalia Brown, Pat Helton, Jane Rowe, Helen Maniates, Sr., Janet Simon, Ann Kyle, Nancy White, Amina Pani, and many others. Another Co-Chair is needed—call Myrtle at the BHCF.

Born again—the Bernal Heights Association, under the direction of Pat Helton, current BHA president, with help from VISTA worker Lloyd Wilson... **Powhattan Strip Plan**—The Block Club received \$3,000, and is now laying the groundwork for the plan. Adrienne Lewis, Mike Corbin, and Roland Pitschel are completing a "base map" of the area as is; Sheila and Miley Holman have compiled a draft survey of neighborhood ideas. Lots of help needed! Call Miley at 282-2886... **The Northwest Bernal Block Club** holds regular meetings at 150 Elsie St., 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month (next meeting/Jan. 7). Neighbors meet to socialize and strategize on whatever folks feel will benefit the neighborhood. The Elsie St. situation may be heating up again, and the Elsie St. Plan is up for renewal. The Neighborhood Building Review Board has some openings—call Margaret Randolph at 826-8028 or Roger Borgenicht at 821-4417.

Got the High Rent/Eviction Blues?—VISTA worker Lesley Sanford is starting a Bernal Heights tenant organizing & info project. The current rent stabilization law isn't strong enough (the "vacancy decontrol" provision allows unlimited rent hikes when a tenant moves or is evicted!), but it offers some relief from the Renters' Blues—only if tenants know their rights and fight for them before the Stabilization Board... **The Cortland Merchants Association** has chosen Gloria Huey as its representative on the BHCF Board of Directors. The Association will be surveying Cortland merchants and residents on how to spend the \$30,000 Community Development money they won for Cortland Ave. improvement.

The Housing Committee reports that the BHCF has acquired three lots on Holladay Avenue (*whoopie!*), and work continues to acquire two sites on Bonview. Affordable housing will be built, and Bernal residents face many vital decisions on design, financing, occupant selection methods, and type of ownership. Home-ownership will be limited to Bernal residents, and some form of subsidy is necessary to keep the price affordable. Ownership options include traditional (with deed restrictions to prevent speculative resale), and cooperative housing; other options are being studied.

All together now—Bernal youth have organized a committee to deal with their problems on the Hill, aided by VISTA worker Raymond Mason.

The BHCF Board of Directors meet on the second Monday of the month (next meeting/Jan. 14), at 307 Cortland Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Committees (Community Center, Housing, Fundraising, Affirmative Action, & By-Laws) meet at different times... Participation by any Bernal resident in any BHCF activity is welcomed. Call the BHCF at 826-3959 or 282-JUDY...

Para una traduccion en espanol, por favor llame BHCF/Bennie Degeer o Lesley Sanford a 826-3959 o 282-5839



Want to Solve Neighborhood Problems? Be A Community Board Panelist

Do you want to do something about your neighborhood problems—noise, fighting, vandalism, people working on their cars late at night—and get results? You can learn to help your neighbors handle these types of hassles and develop valuable dispute resolution skills by being a Community Board panelist. Bernal Heights Community Board is searching for 25 neighborhood volunteers to participate in its February 1980 training program. The 25 Bernal residents, together with Excelsior, Visitacion Valley and Portola neighbors, will go through 25 hours of conflict resolution training, then serve one year on the panels.

Potentially explosive and less serious neighborhood disputes have been handled during the past two years by Community Board panels.

"Community Board panels provide a structure where people who don't know each other can communicate, solve their problems and not feel threatened," observes June Brevdi, veteran Bernal Heights panelist, now involved in a series of neighborhood hearings between Cortland Avenue merchants and youth. Together, they are working out ways to stop the noise and petty vandalism that during the past year has become more of a problem on the street.

People of all ages, ethnic and racial groups—especially those with bilingual skills—are encouraged to participate.

According to seasoned volunteers, the training helps people gain valuable skills that are used with family members and friends, on the job, and to help neighbors solve community problems.

Prospective Bernal Heights panelists must live in the neighborhood, attend all training sessions (dates will be published in the next issue of *Bernal Journal*) and serve at least one year. Panelists meet and hear cases approximately three times per month.

For more information about the Community Board Program and to find out how you can be a panelist, phone or visit the Bernal Heights/Excelsior office—907 Cortland Ave., 285-4688.



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Library News

On November 28, a group of Bernal residents met in the library meeting room to discuss plans for a mural on the library's south wall (facing the playground). A number of themes for the mural were suggested, and a list of groups (ethnic, age, etc.) to be represented on a panel of community people who will choose a muralist was developed. Some of those present volunteered to participate on the panel, when it meets in January, 1980 to go over muralists' descriptions and applications. Flyers will be distributed in December asking muralists to submit descriptions of their experience, type of work, interests, etc., along with any photographs of work completed or ideas for a library mural if they would like, to the library by January 2, 1980.

Children's films will be shown at the library on Tuesday, December 11. Preschool films will be at 10:15, 11:00 and 2:00; these will be "Christmas Cracker," "Great Toy Robbery," and "Twelve Days of Christmas." At 4:00 that day, films for ages 6 and up will be "A Christmas Carol" and "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Adult film programs (suitable for the whole family) will be on two Wednesday evenings at 7:00. On December 12, Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales" and "Norman Rockwell's World: An American Dream" will be shown. "Who are the Debolts? (And Where Did They Get 19 Kids)" will be the film shown.

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Precita News

REHABILITATION AT LAST!

by Carol Wiley

After four years of fundraising and difficult organizing, the Precita Center has finally begun the first phase of rehabilitation. Funding for the project comes from the San Francisco Art Commission and the Office of Community Development. Technical assistance and plans were provided by the Community Design Center.

The first phase involves the construction of a back addition replacing the demolished kitchen and back rooms. The new, two-story addition will feature a Headstart room and kitchen downstairs, and a sunny studio room upstairs.

The Mayor's Office of Community Development committed another \$50,000 for 1980 to complete the addition and other repairs to the half-century old neighborhood center.

Visitors are welcome to watch the development.

St. Kevin's

Hi neighbor!

Starting in December, the Community of St. Kevin's will be visiting the neighborhood, once a month, usually on a Saturday between 10 and 12 a.m. We wish to become better acquainted with all our neighbors, and to welcome any newcomers to the area.

These personal home visits will also provide an opportunity to publicize Church services. For example, there is: a lunch program for Senior Citizens three times a week; free weekly classes in English and Citizenship; a PreSchool Co-op for small children three days a week; the Summer of Love Program for all ages; and the usual youth and Teen activities.

We are looking forward to meeting our friends and neighbors. Anyone interested in this home visitation effort is asked to call 648-5751.

Transportation

THE NO. 10 CHANGES

In February or March, the No. 10 line will no longer connect with the J-line, Forest Hill Station, or go to Golden Gate Park. We will be able to make other connections for every place but the J-line, and we will have to either walk three blocks to Church from Mission, or one block from Mission to Market. And, these changes are only half of the plan. Eventually the No. 10 line will be moved off of Cortland and another bus will take its place. If you want to know more about these changes, COME TO 307 CORTLAND, 7:30 p.m., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18. BUT CALL 826-3959 first to confirm the date. Or, leave your name if you're interested but can't come that particular evening.

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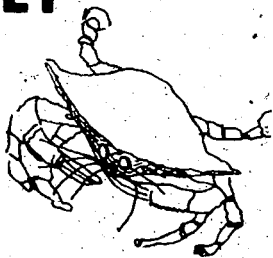
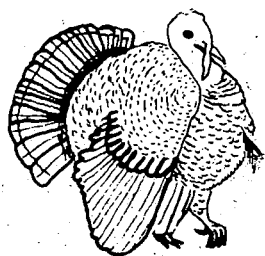
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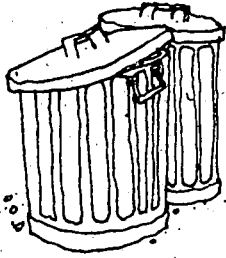
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For you slow counters that adds up to \$400's worth of icy-cold, thirst-quenching, pennies.

Deposit Day was created to bring attention to the new "Bottle Bill" SB4, now before the Senate for a January vote.

Look out for more Deposit Days. For more information, or to voice your support for this bottle bill, write Senator John Foran, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

BERNAL HEIGHTS CLEAN-UP

A Cleaner Bernal Heights

Tons of junk was towed out of Bernal Heights last month due to the successful Clean Up Day. The ten free debris boxes were overflowing. It took longer than expected for the Department of Public Works to clean up the debris due to the overflow, the Housing Authority strike and a truck breakdown.

Many thanks go to the Boy Scouts, Mike Corbin, Allen Perdue, Jetta Alpert, Larry Foster, Bea Hendon, Beverly Anderson (who printed the flyers) and others. Also, thanks to Henry Diaz and San Franciscans for a Cleaner City, and the Mayor's Litter Committee, which made this possible. And thanks to the rock'n'roll group, Destroyer, for performing on Clean Up Day.



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BHA THOUGHTS

from Pat Helton

The next few years will be difficult for most of us in Bernal Heights. In addition to our personal lives, there will be less money available for community services. What services will be cut? Which services do we think most valuable? Will the education system switch to the voucher system? We are scheduled to have mechanical street sweepers. Is that what we want? Eviction rates are up because of the city's supposed rent stabilization solution. And so on. Where do we stand as a neighborhood on these and other issues? What is the neighborhood thinking?

Right now, we have no means of determining what the people of Bernal Heights think, except through the *Bernal Journal* (which is yet to have a hill-wide distribution).

So, you are needed. You can make a difference. Join the Bernal Heights Association. Membership runs from January to December. What about Christmas gifts to your friends? Membership card and *Bernal Journal* subscription included in the low, low price of \$2.

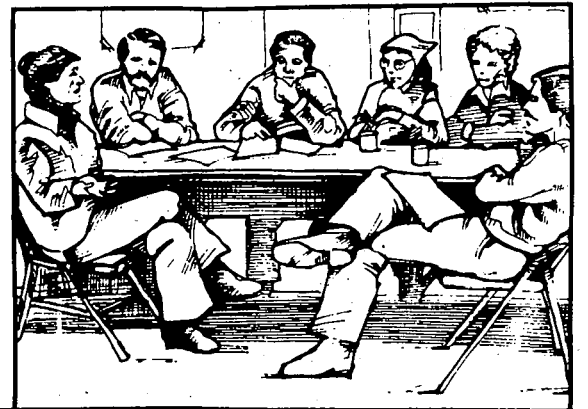
(The transportation meeting January 28, and/or the organizing meeting January 18.)

Make some contact with your neighborhood. Join the BHA. Or, drop in at the neighborhood office at 307 Cortland. Talk with Kate Esposito or Kate Lambert about what you want to do and see in the neighborhood. Write down your ideas/opinions and send them to the *Bernal Journal*. Be thinking about your neighborhood so your neighborhood can be strong enough to think about you. **Get involved.**

Problems in the neighborhood?

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Get involved with Community Boards.



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Nancy Walker (Supervisor), Dianne Feinstein (Mayor), Carol Ruth Silver (D.A.), and Michael Hennessey (Sheriff) won Bernal's endorsements on November 6th. More Bernal residents voted to control rents, limit highrises, tax businesses, and abolish the vice squad than voters in the City's other districts. More local voters also stayed home than in other districts.

The close race between District 9 Supervisor Lee Dolson and challenger Nancy Walker has drawn city-wide attention. Ms. Walker, a long-time resident, is the local favorite, but needs a good turn-out to win.



by Rachel Resnick

1980 BERNAL VISTA VOLUNTEERS and friends. (left to right—top row) Bob Dutra *Precita Center*, Lin Walsh and Bruce Barrett *Recycling Center*, Lesley Sanford *Tenants Organizing*, Lloyd Wilson *Bernal Heights Association*, (bottom row) Andrea Bevien *Como*, Kate Esposito *BHCF Vista Supervisor*, Buck Bagot *BHCF Co-director*, Kate Lambert *BHCF Vista Supervisor*, Bennie DeGeer *Community Center*, Ann Hickey *St. Kevin's Seniors*, Raymond Mason *Youth Project*, Roger Borgenicht *BHCF Co-Director*; joined by Jameilla, Denisha and an unidentified playmate.

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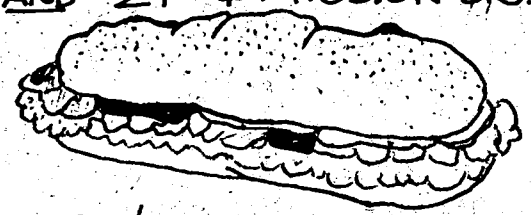
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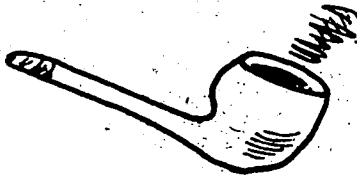
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